

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18, 32-36, and 42-45, drawn to a method and device, as described in the Official Action, with partial traverse.

The non-elected claims are canceled herewith, but may be made the subject of a divisional application, to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

Notice that we have included claim 42 in the elected group. This is because claim 42 is not drawn to a distinct invention from Group I. It is of course a fundamental principle of U.S. patent law, that mere multiplication of an article is not patentable. Therefore, claim 42, which merely recites a plurality of labels according to claim 11, is drawn to the same invention as Group I and must be examined therewith.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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